



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held August 29, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“For several years the Board of Supervisors has committed funding to provide crossing guards at elementary schools throughout the County. Board offices work with local school districts and traffic engineers in the Department of Public Works to identify appropriate locations. The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) contracts with vendors to provide the crossing guards.

“This week many students returned to school at various locations in the Santa Clarita Valley. Parents contacted my office about the lack of crossing guards at four separate schools in three different school districts. School district superintendents were particularly concerned about those elementary schools located on major or secondary highways, where traffic volumes are higher. Although LACOE and Public Works implemented interim measures to address the problem, the absence of crossing guards in the first week of school is unacceptable.”

Therefore Supervisor Antonovich made a motion that the Board direct the Superintendent of Schools and Director of Public Works to take the following actions relative to the lack of crossing guards during the first week of school at four separate schools in three different school districts in the Santa Clarita Valley; and report back to the Board by September 5, 2006 with recommendations to prevent recurrence of this problem in future years:

1. Investigate the factors that contributed to crossing guards not being in place on the first day of school and develop a protocol plan that guarantees coverage when crossing guards do not report to work;
2. Evaluate the contracting process with outside vendors, including consideration of whether the responsibility should be consolidated within LACOE or the Department of Public Works; and

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3. Consult with representatives of the Castaic Union School District, Newhall School District, and the Saugus Union School District to solicit suggestions for reforming this process.

Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“In light of the impact of crossing guard shortages at schools serviced by the Los Angeles County Office of Education, I strongly support today’s motion directing the Superintendent of Schools of the Los Angeles County Office of Education and the Director of the Department of Public Works to investigate factors that contributed to crossing guards not being in place on the first day of school in the Santa Clarita Valley area and develop a protocol plan that guarantees coverage when crossing guards do not report to work.

“In order to obtain the most efficient and accurate results of such an investigation, it is imperative that this investigation and protocol plan include other areas that may also be impacted by such circumstances.”

Therefore, Supervisor Burke made a suggestion that Supervisor Antonovich’s motion be amended to instruct the Superintendent of Schools and the Director of Public Works to include in the developed protocol plan, measures that will ensure the availability of sufficient numbers of qualified crossing guards who have met the necessary training requirements and are in place at all school sites in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County on all school days, and in those cities that have joint jurisdiction with the Los Angeles County Office of Education and Department of Public Works to administer crossing guard services. Supervisor Antonovich accepted Supervisor Burke’s amendment.

Supervisor Antonovich’s motion, as amended, seconded by Supervisor Burke, was unanimously carried.

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